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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

I visited Colonel Clarke, Deputy G-2, this date to discuss the possible compromise of a cable. While talking with him General Chamberlin came in and the following conversation took place, reproduced as nearly as I can remember:-

General Chamberlin: I tried to get General Vandenberg today and learned he was away. There is a very secret project which I want to discuss with him on his return. Maybe I can tell you enough about it so that you can alert General Vandenberg on his return. It is a project which looks awfully good and we will be glad to help the General take it over, establish the contacts, etc. Briefly, without saying too much, it has to do with an intelligence net being operated in Europe by

[redacted] It appears that they have already made a real penetration of the iron curtain and can get all the way back into [redacted] They say it can be expanded to any extent. With that much to go on will you tell General Vandenberg that I would like to discuss it with him and offer any assistance he needs to get it operating?

[redacted] I have a fairly good knowledge of the set-up, General, and personally don't feel it looks too good. It will require a good deal of money, is extremely dangerous in many ways and is subject to complete compromise. General Vandenberg has not had an opportunity to study the project as yet but plans to do it immediately on his return.

Clarke: [redacted] has interested [redacted] in the matter and [redacted] has, I believe, interested [redacted] in it. We don't know too much about it and it certainly should be looked at thoroughly if it involves ex-Nazi intelligence personnel.

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Chamberlin: Well, since you [redacted] know about it I will wait and see if General Vandenberg wants to discuss the matter with me. After all, it's his problem and not mine.

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[redacted] I'll bring the matter to General Vandenberg's notice as soon as he returns and suggest that, after he studies the situation, he discuss it further with you.

Vane:

I may be wrong but my intuition (?) says that [redacted] has a bear by the tail and is looking for someone else to hold it. And I believe that after you read the full report you will feel the same way.

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Colonel, GSC
Executive to the Director

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